Bids for Sasan Ultra Mega Power Project

†2224. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RA.I MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the minimum rate of tender was Rs. 1.196 per unit for Sasan Ultra Mega Power Project in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether it is also a fact that rates quoted by Government undertakings for this project were comparatively very high;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the minimum rates offered by each of the Government undertakings;

(d) whether in view of the above situation, Government feel the need of extensive improvement in its organizations; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (e) M/s Reliance Power Ltd. offered an evaluated levellised tariff of Rs.l.19616 per kilo watt hour which was the lowest. Nine bidders submitted their tariff bids including NTPC Ltd. which was the only Government undertaking to have submitted a bid for the Sasan Ultra Mega Power Project. NTPC Ltd. has intimated that it had quoted an evaluated levellised tariff of Rs.2.126 per unit. The bid of NTPC Ltd. was neither the highest nor the lowest amongst the bids received.

The tariff bid submitted by NTPC Ltd. in respect of the Sasan project was based on various assumptions relating to cost inputs, performance inputs, applicable ta.xes and duties etc., inputs from consultations and assessment of risk associated with the development and operation of such a large sized integrated power plant and the coal mine. Moreover, price bids submitted by companies are commercial decisions which are in the nature of business confidential information for any company or commercial undertaking.

Construction of power projects in Maharashtra

2225. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether facing the severe electricity shortage, the Maharashtra Government is willing to buy power from other States at higher prices, if need be;

(b) whether Government have pointed out that large power projects, which are being considered in the State, have been found to be viable and construction of the plants would begin soon;

(c) whether .the NTPC project, first in the State, was in the final stages of approval and Government would ensure it becomes operational at the earliest; and

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